| Notice of Allowability  | Application No.   | Applicant(s)                     |        |
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|   | 10/815,780  | YANG, SHIH-SHENG                 |        |
|   | Examiner  | Art Unit                         |        |
|   | John Bastianelli  | 3751                             |        |
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| 1. This communication is responsive to the amendment of October 5, 2005.  |   |                                  |        |
| 2. $\boxtimes$ The allowed claim(s) is/are $\underline{6}$ .  |   |                                  |        |
| <ul> <li>3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some* c) None of the:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* Certified copies not received:</li> </ul>  |   |                                  |        |
| Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements on the sequirements of this application.  THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.   |   |                                  |        |
| 4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.  |   |                                  |        |
| <ul> <li>5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. <ul> <li>(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached</li> <li>1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.</li> </ul> |   |                                  |        |
| Attachment(s)  1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/O Paper No./Mail Date  4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material  | 5. Notice of Informal P 6. Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. Examiner's Amendr 8. Examiner's Stateme 9. Other | (PTO-413),<br>te<br>ment/Comment | owance |

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. Claim 6 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason 2. for the allowance of the claims is the combination of a cylinder having an open end and a closed end with an extruding plug on the inner side, a locking ring inside the cylinder in which a hollow pipe has a flange which interlocks with the locking ring and a groove with an O-ring.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Bastianelli whose telephone number is (571) 272-4921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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